

DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

IN REFERENCE TO

The differences between the South and the North.

JANUARY 10, 1861.—Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

IN COMMON COUNCIL CITY OF NEW YORK.

Whereas the people of the city of New York have ever cherished the most fraternal and affectionate regard for their fellow countrymen dwelling in the southern States, and will at all times sustain them in every constitutional and rightful measure for the redress of their grievances; and whereas the people of the city of New York properly estimate the immense value of our national Union to our collective and individual happiness, and cherish a cordial, habitual, and immovable attachment to it; and whereas it is represented that the local authorities in one or more of the States have seized several of the forts, arsenals, and public buildings of the United States, and continue to hold the same in defiance of the authority of the government: be it therefore—

Resolved, By the mayor, aldermen, and commonalty of the city of New York, that we most earnestly appeal to our fellow countrymen of the southern States to abstain from all unlawful and violent measures pending the assiduous and patriotic efforts that are now being made to adjust the differences between the north and the south, through the action of the established authorities, in the manner provided for in the federal Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That we approve of the determination of the President of the United States to maintain the just authority of the government in all places, to execute the laws, to assert the respect due to the flag of the Union, and to support and defend the civil and military officers intrusted with the duty of collecting the revenue and holding the

fortified places provided for the common defence of all the States; and be it further

Resolved, That we only give expression to the general voice of our citizens when we record their approbation of the conduct of Major Anderson, of the army of the United States, in his recent measures at Charleston, to avoid conflict with the local population, to secure the government works committed to his charge, and to provide for the safety of his command; and the announcement that the proceedings of this gallant and faithful officer were sanctioned by his instructions and will be effectually sustained by the President of the United States is welcomed by the hearty commendation of the people of the city of New York; and be it further

Resolved, That the counsel to the corporation be directed, on behalf of the mayor, aldermen, and commonalty of the city of New York, to prepare and transmit a memorial to the legislature of this State, asking that a convention of the people thereof be called at an early day, of delegates chosen in the several counties, in a manner to be provided by law, to take into consideration the present state of the Union, and to adopt such measures as the interests and the duty of the people of this State may require to be done; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be transmitted by the clerk of the common council to the President and the Congress of the United States and to the governor and the legislature of this State.

Adopted by the board of aldermen January 4, 1861.

Adopted by the board of councilmen January 4, 1861.

Approved by the mayor January 5, 1861.

D. T. VALENTINE, [L. S.]
Clerk C. C.